Policy 14; Developer Contributions

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Open Space for Food Growing

Friends of Linn Park would like the following text to be added.

5.402 Experience has shown that the provision of community growing spaces can also help reduce the allotment waiting list. As a result, contributions taken under this policy will be used to deliver either new allotments or new community growing spaces, or a combination of both, whatever is deemed most appropriate to help meet demand in that location. Development of new food growing areas will include consultation with any relevant stakeholders including 'Friends of' groups with consideration of other open space uses such as recreation or sports use or local nature reserve designations before changing the open space use.

Open Space for Sports

Golf is not mentioned at all in this section. Friends of Linn Park would like the following highlighted addition to the text.

5.407 Flexibility in the use of these contributions for investment in other sports, not addressed by the SPS, including golf, will be justifiable where this would address identified demand. Details of the sports investment priorities will be set out in the open space contributions section of the Delivery Programme.

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Friends of Linn Park would like the developer contribution section to acknowledge the contribution 'Friends of' groups make to improving and protecting the bio-diversity and the quality of parks and greenspaces across Glasgow. Friends of Linn Park would like 'Friends of' groups to be recognised as stakeholders of such spaces and that they should be included in proposals to change the use of open space.

From Glasgow City Council Website;

"Friends of Glasgow Parks Groups across the city provide a range of activities and opportunities in parks and greenspaces across the city. They immensely benefit our parks and open spaces and create good opportunities to meet people, connect to other local community projects and give you and your community a voice and a true sense of ownership of the space you care about."

Friends of Linn Park ask for the community voice to be recognised in CDP2.

Friends of Linn Park state that;

> Linn Park Golf Course has always been part of Linn Park and should be considered as such.
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> Linn Park Golf Course has not been formally closed.
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> A 'redundancy assessment' under the Councils Open Space Strategy has not been completed for Linn Park Golf Course.
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> Linn Park Golf Course including the car park and pavilion building were found to be community assets in scope for the 'People make Glasgow Communities' programme and that this community interest has been ignored when bringing forward CDP2.
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> Ignoring community interest is contrary to Community Wealth Building under policy 25 of the National Planning Framework 4.
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> Consultation on the future of Linn Park Golf Course is required before proposing any alternative land use including food growing, tree planting and cemetery expansion.

Friends of Linn Park consider that golf should be considered alongside other sports for developer contributions. We are not aware of any assessment which shows there is no identified demand for golf within Glasgow – particularly affordable and accessible – and in particular golf at Linn Park Golf Course has not been assessed.

The Scottish Government allows for golf to be considered in the local development plan process;

The LDP process requires local evidence (e.g. demand for golf, economic benefits, environmental constraints) and public consultation. Examples like the Mains of Cairnbulg proposal show how community engagement, ecological assessment, and tourism benefits can shape proposals, with concerns over flooding, coastal erosion, and ecology influencing planning outcomes.

Practical steps for including golf in an LDP

1. **Assess against NPF4 and local evidence** – confirm national policy alignment and local demand.
2. **Integrate into strategic sections** – place golf in the leisure/sport or land use policy sections.
3. **Engage stakeholders** – run proportionate consultation, including local clubs, residents, and environmental groups.

4. **Address material considerations** – environmental, heritage, agricultural, and transport impacts must be weighed.
5. **Document decisions** – if golf is included, explain the rationale and any conditions; if excluded, justify why.

Friends of Linn Park do not recognise that golf has been considered, or the community consulted with regarding keeping or excluding the golf course.